



To New and Continuing MEDPREP Students:

The MEDPREP program has a limited number of tuition waivers available for our students, which are awarded each academic term, on a competitive basis. Students must be in the traditional program to apply (graduate students are ineligible for these tuition waivers; the only exception is MPH-MP students in their first summer at MP). Priority is given to continuing (2nd year) students, but incoming students are still *strongly encouraged* to apply – each year some tuition waivers are available for first-year students, particularly in the summer. The tuition waiver covers tuition only – fees are not covered by the waiver. More information about eligibility can be found on the tuition waiver application forms.

To apply for tuition waivers, you will need the completed *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) for both the current and the upcoming year (more on that below), and have PDFs of the *Student Aid Report* (SAR) from each year. The FAFSA can be completed at fafsa.ed.gov. Once your FAFSA form is complete, go to “FAFSA Follow-Up,” click “View and Print Your Student Aid Report,” and choose the PDF format to print your FAFSA SAR. Please note that copies of your FAFSA application or receipts that your FAFSA have been received are not acceptable for tuition waiver applications – you must have the SAR.

- To apply for a summer waiver, complete the summer tuition waiver application, and submit it to MEDPREP with a copy of your current year SAR (SAR for this year).
- To apply for a fall waiver, complete the fall tuition application, and submit it to MEDPREP with a copy of your SAR for the upcoming year (SAR for the upcoming academic year). Fall waivers are automatically continued into spring unless a student loses eligibility for the spring semester. Eligibility rules are listed on the waiver application.
- Because the waivers are financial aid, the SIUC Financial Aid Office **also** requires you to have the completed FAFSAs on file. MEDPREP cannot forward your SARs to the financial aid office. Therefore, **ALSO** send your FAFSA information directly to SIUC via the FAFSA website (click on “Add a School” at fafsa.ed.gov and follow the instructions to transmit your information to SIUC).

The deadline for applying for both summer and fall waivers, including submitting your application forms and appropriate SARs, is MAY 10. Failure to have everything submitted by the deadline will automatically exclude you from consideration for these awards.

Sincerely,

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